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DEPT PASS SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT

FROM AMBASSADOR FOR ROGERS

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SATURDAY NIGHT IN RIO

1. WE HAVE HAD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH JOHN DEXTER, WHO IN TURN HAS BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH KLABIN, ABOUT POSSIBILITIES FOR DINNER AND A SHOW SATURDAY NIGHT IN RIO.

2. ASSUMING THE SECRETARY'S DESIRES TO HAVE SERIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH HIS GUESTS, THE DINNER WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PLACE IN A PRIVATE ROOM AND NOT IN A MAIN RESTAURANT DINING ROOM. ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF RIO RESTAURANTS HAVE PRIVATE FACILITIES. ONE WOULD BE THE CHURRASCARIO RINCON GAUCHO, WHICH KALBIN SUGGESTED AS A PLACE WHERE AN ISOLATED ROOM COULD BE RESERVED, WHERE THE BEEF IS EXCELLENT, AND WHERE THERE IS A BIG SHOW. AS YOU KNOW, CHURRASCARIAS ARE TYPICAL BRAZILIAN BEEF HOUSES, RUSTIC IN ATMOSPHERE, SIMPLE AND EVEN SPARTAN IN DECOR.

3. GIVEN THESE LIMITED POSSIBILITIES WE ARE INCLINED TO SUGGEST DINNER IN THE SECRETARY'S SUITE, WHICH WOULD

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GIVE HIM MAXIMUM FREEDOM OF CONVERSATION AS WELL AS

CONVENIENCE FOLLOWING HIS LATE EVENING ARRIVAL AT HOTEL.

4. AS FOR POST DINNER ENTERTAINMENT, WE SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER THREE POSSIBILITIES: (1) JOHN DEXTER SAYS ONE OF THE VERY BEST SAMBA SCHOOLS, IMPERIAL SERRANO, HAS PROPOSED IT ORGANIZE A SPECIAL SHOWING FOR THE SECRETARY AT A PLACE AND TIME OF HIS OWN CHOOSING. THEY COULD, FOR EXAMPLE, BRING FIFTEEN OR TWENTY COSTUMED PERFORMERS TO ONE OF THE ENTERTAINMENT ROOMS OF THE SHERATON AFTER DINNER, AND PUT ON AN AUTHENTIC DISPLAY OF CARNIVAL MUSIC AND DANCING. (2) IF SECRETARY WANTS TO LEAVE THE HOTEL, ONE OPTION WOULD BE THE BIG THEATRICAL SAMBA SHOW AT THE HOTEL NACIONAL. THIS IS A SLICK, PROFESSIONAL, COLORFUL SHOW, RECOMMENDED BY RIOTUR (THE OFFICIAL RIO TOURIST AGENCY), IN ONE OF RIO'S MOST LUXURIOUS NEW HOTELS, LOCATED CONVENIENTLY NEAR THE SHERATON. HOWEVER, THE SETTING IS DRAB -- A LARGE UNDECORATED ROOM CRAMMED WITH TOURISTS. (3) IF THE SECRETARY WISHES TO AVOID A TOURISTY AND CANNED PERFORMANCE HE MIGHT WISH TO SEE THE SAMBA SCHOOLS' PRE-CARNIVAL PERFORMANCES AT THE SAO CRISTOVAO EXHIBITION CENTER IN THE POPULOUS NORTH ZONE OF RIO. THIS IS AN AUTHENTIC AFFAIR WHICH HAS THE FLAVOR OF THE ACTUAL CARNIVAL PARADES. THE SETTING IS SIMILAR TO A LARGE ATHLETIC FIELD HOUSE, WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE. A RESERVED AREA COULD BE SET UP FOR THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY, WITH SOMEONE ON HAND IF DESIRED TO EXPLAIN THE BACKGROUND OF THE PROCEEDINGS. SINCE THE PROGRAM IS SOMEWHAT DISORGANIZED, WE WOULD HAVE TO ASK RIOTUR TO ARRANGE IN ADVANCE TO HAVE A PERFORMANCE ESPECIALLY TIMED FOR THE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL.

5. THE LATTER OPTION SOUNDS MORE ATTRACTIVE TO US, IF THE SECRETARY IS INTERESTED IN GETTING OUT OF THE HOTEL FOR AN AUTHENTICALLY CARIIOCAN EVENING.

6. PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR DESIRES.
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